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SUBJECT: INDIAN ENTRY REGULATIONS

1. INDIAN GOVERNMENT (GOI) HAS RECENTLY MADE TWO
IMPORTANT CHANGES IN ITS ENTRY REGULATIONS FOR TRAVELLERS.
ONE AFFECTS AIR TRAVEL, THE OTHER OVERLAND ENTRY BY
PRIVATE VEHICLE.

(A) PASSENGERS ARRIVING BY AIR WITHOUT INDIAN VISA MAY BE
ISSUED ENTRY PERMIT ("AIRPORT VISA") ON ARRIVAL. PERMIT
PREVIOUSLY VALID 28 DAYS FOR THAT ENTRY ONLY, NOW VALID 30
DAYS' STAY WITH 3 ENTRIES WITHIN 90-DAY PERIOD
(NOT REPEAT NOT 3 MONTHS). AIRPORT VISA WILL BE
ISSUED ONLY ONCE IN SIX-MONTH PERIOD; TRAVELERS MAKING MORE
THAN THREE TRIPS TO INDIA IN THAT TIME MUST REPEAT MUST OBTAIN
REGULAR INDIA VISA BEFORE ARRIVAL. ABOVE LIMITS STRICTLY
ENFORCED BY GOI AND EMBASSY NEW DELHI IS NOT IN
POSITION TO OBTAIN EXCEPTIONS. NEW RULES EFFECTIVE APRIL
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AT PRESENT.

B) AS OF APRIL 30, 1977, FEDERATION OF INDIAN
AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION (FIAA) UNILATERALLY DISSOCIATED ITSELF
FROM THE FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE L'AUTOMOBILE (FIA) IN
PARIS, AND CEASED TO RECOGNIZE CARNETS ISSUED BY THAT
ORGANIZATION FOR ENTRY OF PRIVATELY OWNED VEHICLES INTO INDIA.

THE ONLY ORGANIZATION WHOSE CARNETS CURRENTLY RECOGNIZED BY
GOI IS ALLIANCE INTERNATIONALE DE TOURISME, LOCATED GENEVA.
PRIVATE TRAVELERS DRIVING THROUGH INDIA SHOULD BE AWARE THAT
IF THEY DO NOT HAVE VALID (I.E. GENEVA ISSUED) CARNET,
OWNER WILL EITHER HAVE TO ARRANGE BANK BOND BY AGENT WITHIN INDIA
FOR DUTY CHARGEABLE IF VEHICLE NOT RE-EXPORTED OR OBTAIN
PROPER CARNET FROM GENEVA. FOREIGN SERVICE POSTS IN NEIGHBORING
COUNTRIES NOT IN POSITION TO PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE GUARANTEES OF
KIND REQUIRED BY GOI CUSTOMS IN ABSENCE RECOGNIZED CARNET.

2. DEPARTMENT REQUESTED TO GIVE APPROPRIATELY WIDE
DISSEMINATION ABOVE INFORMATION IN INTERST PREVENTING AIRPORT/
BORDER CRISES CAUSING INCONVENIENCE AND FRUSTRATION FOR
BOTH TRAVELERS AND POSTS.GOHEEN

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